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SUBJECT: UNHCR EMERGENCY PROGRAM

1. JACQUES CUENOD, REGIONAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, AND ERNEST SCHLATTER, SAIGON RESIDENT CHARGE' DE MISSION FOR UNHCR, VISITED EMBASSY APRIL 11.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH DCM CUENOD INFORMED US THAT ORIGINAL UNHCR PROGRAM WHICH HAD IN IT \$4 MILLION FOR RVN WOULD PROCEED GENERALLY AS PLANNED ADJUSTING, OF COURSE, FOR SUBSTITUTION OF PROJECTS MADE NECESSARY BY RECENT MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS. JOINT UNHCR/UNICEF EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND SEPARATELY FUNDED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CURRENT CRISIS. CUENOD SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT PLANNING FOR THE LATTER WOULD PROCEED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE MILITARY SITUATION IN RVN WOULD STABILIZE FOR THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR MONTHS AND THAT THE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE ASSESSED ON THE NEEDS OF ROUGHLY 600,000 NEW REFUGEES.

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3. CUENOD ALSO MENTIONED THAT AS WE HAD UNDOUBTEDLY HEARD

THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD MADE A STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION BUT HAD FELT CONSTRAINED TO ABSTAIN FROM A CALL FOR PERMITTING REFUGEES IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE RVN TO DEPART FREELY BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS OF SUCH AN APPEAL. CUENOD SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE USG HAD BEEN INFORMED AND HAD ACCEPTED THESE REASONS. DCM SAID WE HAD INDEED BEEN INFORMED BUT IT WAS NOT RPT NOT HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAD ACCEPTED THIS REASON. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE UN CHARTER ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IN FACT, INCLUDED VERY SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND THUS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR THE UNSG TO SPEAK OUT ON THE SUBJECT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SITUATION IN DANANG AND SOME OTHER RECENTLY OCCUPIED PORTIONS OF THE COUNTRY.
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